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SUBJ: EL SALVADOR PURCHASE OF ISRAELI AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 190068 AND TEGUCIGALPA 3669

1. ADDITIONAL PRESS COMMENT ON PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT BY EL SALVADOR HAS APPEARED TODAY. WEDNESDAY 16 EL CRONISTA CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY REPORTING ARRIVAL OF THREE "PA31 RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT" IN EL SALVADOR AS FIRST OF TWENTY-FIVE PLANES RECENTLY PURCHASED FROM ISRAEL. STORY GOES ON TO SAY THAT EL SALVADOR IS "ARMING TO THE TEETH" AND IS PREPARING TO REFUSE A JUST SOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. EL CRONISTA STATES THAT IT WILL REMAIN VIGILANT TO INSURE THAT HONDURAS DOES NOT SACRIFICE ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS IN FAVOR OF EL SALVADOR.

2. SEPTEMBER 26 EDITION OF INFLUENTIAL EL TIEMPO CARRIED AN EDITORIAL CRITICIZING EL SALVADOR PLANE PURCHASE. IT ASKS WHY EL SALVADOR IS INVOLVED IN AN ARMAMENT RACE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME IT PRETENDS TO SEEK PEACE. EDITORIAL ALSO ASKS IF IT IS A FORM OF DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE DESIGNED TO REINFORCE EL SALVADOR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. EDITORIAL ENDS WITH STATEMENT THAT THE EL SALVADORAN
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